



High Ash CE School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th March 2025

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



Grow Together Shine Forever

To all our families,

I have seen a lot of children this week to award their merit badges. I am always so proud of your children when they make great progress with their work and then collect enough merits to get their badge - it is a really special moment.

Whole School Trip to Woburn Safari...

Thank you to all those parents who have now paid for the trip. This is the breakdown of how many have paid so far. If we don't cover the cost we won't be able to run the trip - if you are struggling financially, please do call to speak to Mrs Northen as we really want every child to go. Thank you.



Class	Payments received compared to the number in class
Acorns	14 out of 27 have paid
Apple	3 out of 8 have paid
Cherry	14 out of 30 have paid
Chestnut	10 out of 30 have paid
Hawthorn	12 out of 27 have paid
Hazel	14 out of 27 have paid
Holly	10 out of 24 have paid
Oak	9 out of 27 have paid
Maple	16 out of 27 have paid
Willow	14 out of 29 have paid

Foundation Parents Focus Group meeting...

Mrs Bird will be hosting a parent focus group meeting on **Wednesday 2nd April from 9.00-9.45am**. The date has changed from Wednesday 26th March. The aim of this meeting is to reflect on how our year has been and have feedback from you to help us to celebrate successes and reflect on how we can make things even better for our families next year. We can also answer questions you may have about the Early Learning Goals and preparation for transitioning your child into Year One. We hope many of you are able to join us. If you would like to attend please click [here](#) to confirm your attendance.

Hobby the horse for Year 2,3 and 4...

Hobby the Horse is a fun educational school's programme created by the Children's Charity Ride High. Your children will use their imaginations to design and make their very own Hobby Horse using recycled materials. We will then **host our very own gymkhana on Thursday 3rd April** to raise money for the charity Ride High. Ride High is a charity which uses horses to transform the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable children in our community. We will be sending home further information and a sponsorship form.

Year 1 and 2 Gardening Club...

The first meeting of the Year 2 Gardening Club, weeding and preparing the soil for planting. Children also planted some tomato seeds to grow in our classroom ready to put into grow bags later in Summer. Thank You Mrs Northen!



Spring Term 2 clubs finishing...

Please note the dates for the final sessions for all clubs below:

Monday - Filmmaking & Street Jazz Dance Clubs - Monday 31st March

Tuesday - Years 4-6 M-Sports Club with Mr Neary - **Next week, Tuesday 25th March**

Tuesday - Mad Science Club - Tuesday 1st April

Wednesday - Years 1-3 Art Club - Wednesday 2nd April

Thursday - Years 1-3 M-Sports Club with Mr Neary and Choir Club with Mrs Gray - **Next week, Thursday 27th March**

Friday - Years 4-6 Art - Friday 4th April

Summer Term Clubs...

Information will be sent to all parents towards the end of next week with all club information and how to book. If your child wishes to continue with any of these clubs, you will be required to re-book in order to secure your space. **Please note that Choir Club will be moving to Wednesday instead of Thursday after Easter.**

My Child At School...

Please sign up to My Child At School App as soon as possible. You can install the app or visit the desktop site. Full details were sent out earlier in the week and are available on our website. We will be using My Child At School after Easter for all emails, bookings and payments, including school meals, **so it is essential parents/carers sign up as soon as possible. Please visit www.mychildatschool.com to sign up or install the app.** You will need to enter the unique school code **15678** and use the email address we hold on our system. If you have any problems please email mcas@highhashschool.co.uk

Learning highlights this week...

Acorns

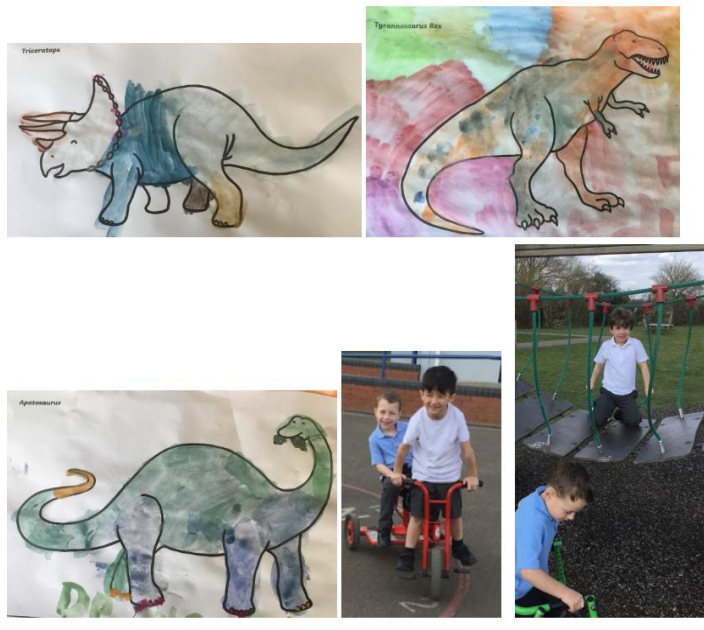
We have been enjoying the glorious sunshine in Acorns Class this week! We have been outside exploring our learning in the Garden and Courtyard areas. We have noticed that suddenly there are a lot more minibeasts around and have been able to find and talk about ladybirds. We also looked at caterpillars this week as part of our learning about Easter and how they change. We talked about the

word 'metamorphosis' and drew out the lifecycle of the butterfly with chalks on the playground. As part of our Easter learning, we have shared the story of Easter, learning about what happened to Jesus and how Easter is not just about the chocolate eggs that we are lucky enough to receive and eat.

Acorns have also been re-visiting our skills using watercolours. We have used them to paint dinosaurs in provision and have tried hard to stay inside the lines. We are going to use this to build our confidence and attempt to create our own independent paintings using our skills next week.

We have looked in depth at the number seven this week, understanding what the composition of it is and singing the '7 little ducks' song in our lessons. From this, we have begun understanding subtraction in a simple form with the ducks disappearing and the total number of ducks becoming less. We even wrote simple subtraction number sentences together on our whiteboards.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to come and spend time with us in our 'See Us Shine' session this week! The children were very proud to show you how our space has changed and how independent they have become.



Year One and Two-

Wow! What another fab week in KS1. We have loved the emergence of Spring towards the end of this week - hopefully we'll have the sun to stay so we can make full use of our outdoor classroom!

In Year 1, the children have been developing their knowledge of place value to 50 by grouping objects into tens and seeing how many are left over to represent the ones. Cherry were amazing at this and we had an exploring lesson where we got all the maths manipulatives out to investigate - the children were so engaged, collaborative and calm in their learning. In Year 2, the children have been learning about measuring lengths and enjoying measuring objects with the metre sticks and rulers in the outdoor classroom.



In English, Year 1 have been creating WANTED posters to try and capture Captain Hook. The children have been impressing us with their use of adjectives, different sentences openers and using the conjunction 'and'. In Year 2, we have been studying 'Mungo and the Picture Book Pirates' by Timothy Knapman. The children have been learning how to use the suffix 'ful' in their writing.



In Art, we have been exploring mark making by drawing wave images. The children listened to music and drew to the rhythm of the sounds they could hear to produce a piece of ocean art. We explored different media to produce these and we've made a fab display of their efforts.

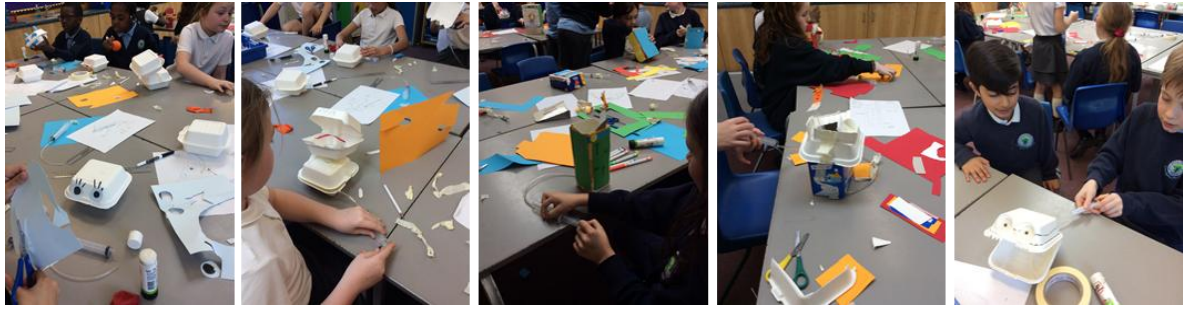


Year Three and Four-

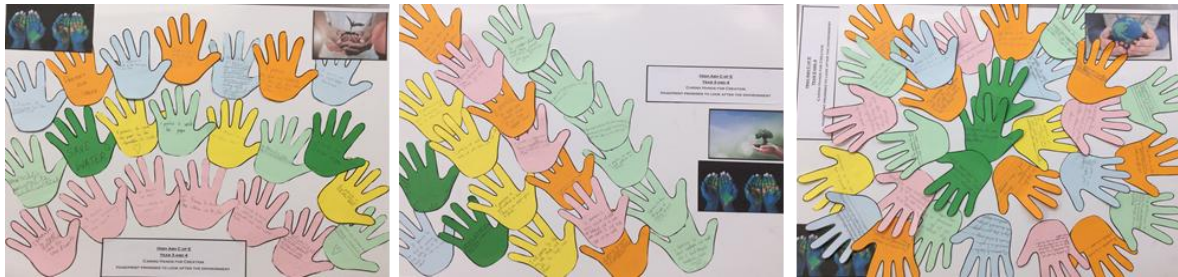
In Science, we investigated how loud sounds are depending on our distance from them. We used a trundle wheel to measure out in 2 metre intervals. Then we stood with chromebooks to measure the decibels of the sound. After we recorded our results in a table, we created a line graph to show the pattern.



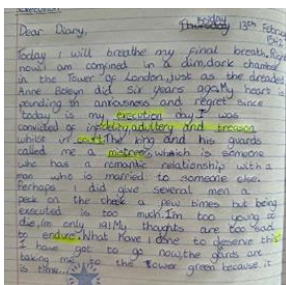
In DT, we have begun making our pneumatic toys. Next week we will complete the making and decorating stage. We have used syringes and tubing to produce the motion - either up/down or left/right. Our models so far show a lot of determination. When faced with a challenge, we carefully thought about what needed to be done to improve the design and used our resilience.



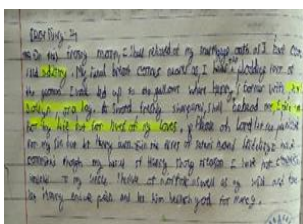
For Lent and our church displays, we reflected, and thought about how we could make sure that we look after the environment. We used hands to show that we can work together to make changes and care for the world we live in.



Year Five and Six-



In Year 5/6 this week, we have been enjoying the sunshine and the opportunity to play on the field at playtimes! Inside the classroom, we have been busy. In our writing lessons, we have been using a formal tone, through use of subjunctive form and past perfect tense, for a letter from Anne Boleyn to Henry VIII prior to her execution. The children brilliantly transferred these writing skills into our history lessons where we put ourselves in the shoes of poor Catherine Howard, who was also executed, creating a diary entry for the days leading up to her untimely death.



In Geography, we have been using road maps. After introducing these to the children ("Yes, these were what we used before Sat Nav...") the children mapped the route that Henry took on his Royal Progress tour in 1541, from London to York. It was challenging to find certain towns, however the use of a glossary and applying our coordinate skills from maths helped!



In computing, we continued our topic of variables in a game. In fact, this week we have become game designers by designing the background for our project before selecting the sprites for the project using Scratch. Once this was done, we then designed and created algorithms to see our programs flow, problem solving as we went along.

We have had some fascinating discussions in RE this term. This week, we discussed the role of Peter, the disciple, and his denial of Jesus in Holy Week. The Bible tells us in Matthew 26:69-75 that Jesus had said to Peter "Before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." In class we discussed the dilemma of whether Peter should have betrayed his friend. Peter was facing arrest and possibly execution if he admitted to knowing Jesus, so we could understand his reticence to deny any knowledge of him, yet we understand the value of true friendship and loyalty.



Considering that Jesus was God, we thought that he surely knew he would die on the cross as it had also been foretold by prophets in the Old Testament - so maybe it didn't matter if Peter denied him. This would also mean that as Peter 'went free', he was free to continue to teach the Gospel following Jesus' death and go on to become the first Pope.

The children thought hard about what they would do 'in Peter's shoes' and formed a conscience alley. Here are some pictures. In the end Emilia, as Peter, decided on the third option that it didn't matter in the end.



Attendance...

This week's attendance is 94%, this is an improvement so keep on sending the children into school!

Reflections this week....

We continued to reflect, repent and reconcile with nature this week. We also have been working hard on producing our displays for the churches in our Parish to share our thoughts with the community. We looked at the bible reading from Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Easter Services...

The last week of term our children will going to St. Mary's Church for their Easter Services. If you would to join us and can help walk the children to and from the church, please click on the links below to **submit a google form by Monday 31st March:**

F/KS1 Service - Wednesday 2nd April - <https://forms.gle/brxyAFtLs6PVbiAL8>

KS2 Service - Thursday 3rd April - <https://forms.gle/3CfotMnut8b3Ygj7A>

HASA Disco - Wednesday 2nd April...

Don't forget to book your child's tickets for the HASA disco on Wednesday 2nd April. All tickets must be **purchased via Parentpay by Friday 28th March**. We cannot allow children to attend that have not booked a place. If you can spare an hour or two to help at one the discos then please contact HASA highashschoolassociation@gmail.com

HASA Easter Raffle...

All children should now have come home with raffle tickets. Please try and sell as many tickets as you can. HASA fundraising makes a real difference to what we can for your children. Over the past year or so HASA have contributed to the costs of new library books, the KS1 outdoor space, Year 6 leavers events, as well as the visitors that came into school for the recent Hook Days. **The draw will take place on Friday 4th April, there are some fantastic Easter prizes.**

Krispy Kreme doughnuts - Friday 4th April...

HASA will be offering Krispy Kreme doughnuts again on the last day of term. Pre-order 6 original glazed doughnuts for £7 or 12 for £13. **Orders should be placed via the HASA Sumup store link, click here: <https://highash.sumupstore.com/>** Single doughnuts will be available on the day at £1.50 each whilst stocks last. **Doughnuts can be collected on Friday 4th April, either from HASA's Treat Friday stall after school at Great Brickhill Cricket Club on Rotten Row from 4pm onwards.**

Diary dates for the last 2 weeks of this term:

Tuesday 25th March - Year 3 and selected Year 4 **LAST swimming lesson**. Please send your child to school with their swimming kit/towel in a named bag.

Friday 28th March - F/KS1 Special Ladies Assembly at 2.55pm, doors open at 2.45pm. All welcome!

Monday 31st March - Year 2-4 Hobby Horse Week

Wednesday 2nd April, 9.00-9.45am - Foundation Parent Focus meeting with Mrs Bird.

Wednesday 2nd April, 1.30-2.45pm - F/KS1 Easter Service at St. Mary's Church. Parents are welcome to join us.

Wednesday 2nd April - HASA Disco:

F/KS1 - 3.30-4.30pm

KS2 - 4.45-5.45pm

Only those children whose parents have paid via ParentPay will be able to attend. There will be no paying for access at the door.

Thursday 3rd April, 10.00-11.30am - Year 6 Easter Cracked presentation. Please make sure you have completed the consent form by clicking [here](#).

Thursday 3rd April, 1.30-2.45pm - KS2 Easter Service at St. Mary's Church. Parents are welcome to join us.

Friday 4th April - HASA Easter Raffle Draw

Friday 4th April - End of Term - School breaks up for Easter Holidays at the end of the school day

Monday 7th - Tuesday 23rd April - School closed for the Easter holidays.

Wednesday 24th April - Children back to school for the Summer Term.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

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